In this report total 44 recommendations were made out of which 23 have been accepted, 17 were partially accepted and 4 have not been found feasible for acceptance.

The report with Action Taken by the Government thereon was laid in the Rajya Sabha on 13.05.2005.

Appointment and working of vigilance officers

429. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed vigilance officers in each division to see misdeeds of Railway Divisional Managers;

(b) whether these vigilance officers are permanent employees of Railways and instead of checking misdeeds of Divisional Managers they are reporting to Divisional Managers in place of reporting to CVC;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to appoint vigilance officers from other than railway employees; and

(d) the measures taken to curb corruption/irregularities in railways and the details of vigilance cases instituted against the officers of Northern Railways and divisional managers during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the Vigilance to reduce corruption on the Railways:—

* Bridge the gap between demand and supply by augmentation of the capacity of trains;

* Intensify checks at reservation offices, booking counters, parcel and goods booking offices and other such offices, which deal with the public not only by Vigilance Organization but also by the senior officers of the concerned departments;

* Keeping a watch on the working of officials of doubtful integrity;
* System improvements and procedure amendments to improve transparency and reducing possibility of corruption/leakage of revenue;
* Investigation of complaints alleging corruption/leakage of revenue;
* Stringent exemplary action against those found guilty of corruption;
* Educating and training of senior officers in the matter of tenders and contracts;
* Empowerment of Railway Protection Force for taking action against the touts and unauthorized travel agents who try to corner accommodation in trains. This being a legal matter may take some time and till then, a greater liaison with the Civil Police administration;
* Implement rotational transfers of officials posted on sensitive seats to prevent the staff from developing unholy nexus;
* Delegate more powers to field organizations to enable speedy decisions as delay breeds corruption;
* Man the Railway Recruitment Boards by officials of proven integrity; and
* Seeking assistance of the public not to succumb to their desire of achieving favours by greasing palms of corrupt staff and instead bringing up such matters to the notice of Vigilance Organization.

No vigilance case has been instituted against any of the Divisional Railway Managers of Northern Railway during the last three years. However, the details of the vigilance cases instituted against other offices of Northern Railway, during the same period are indicated below:

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Vigilance Cases instituted against the officers
1.	2002	31
2.	2003	24
3.	2004	12